

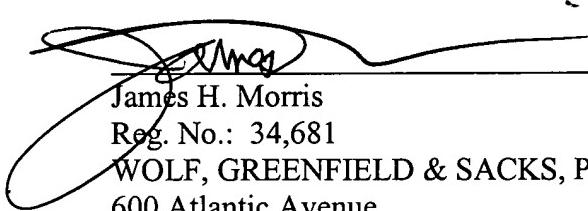
REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, modifications have been made in the specification and claims to place them in better form. An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise concerning the application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorneys at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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